

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 14 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the Specification at Paragraph [0033]. The amendments to the claims contained herein are not narrowing amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 10-11, and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb (U.S. Pat. No. 5,911,654). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset Applicant notes that claims 1 and 14 have been amended to include a plurality of openings to receive headboard or footboard posts. These amendments contain the subject matter from allowed claim 9.

Webb fails to teach or suggest Applicant's cover having a plurality of openings to receive headboard or footboard posts. Because Webb does not teach or suggest every element of Applicant's invention, the Examiner's §103(a) rejection is improper for claims 1 and 14. The rejection is also improper for dependent claims 2, 5-6, and 10-11. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 3-4, 7-8, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb in view of Bordo (U.S. Pat. No. 5,802,637). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated above, Webb fails to teach or suggest Applicant's invention. The addition of Bordo which is pertinent to maintaining the cover to the headboard does not teach or suggest Applicant's cover having a plurality of openings to receive headboard or footboard posts. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks Examiner for the notice of allowable subject matter in claim 9.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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